

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA PATIENT DISCHARGE DATA REPORTING MANUAL, THIRD
EDITION
For Discharge Data for the Years 1999 and 2000

DISPOSITION OF PATIENT

Section 97231

Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 1997, the patient's disposition, defined as the consequent arrangement or event ending a patient's stay in the reporting facility, shall be reported as one of the following:

DISCUSSION

Format for reporting this data element on the Manual Abstract Reporting Form for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 1999:

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01 Routine (Home)	07 SN/IC
Within This Hospital	08 Residential Care Facility
02 Acute Care	09 Prison Jail
03 Other Care	10 Against Medical Advice
04 SN/IC	11 Died
To Another Hospital	12 Home Health Service
05 Acute Care	13 Other
06 Other Care (Not SN/IC)	

(a) Routine Discharge. A patient discharged from this hospital to return home or to another private residence. Patients scheduled for follow-up care at a physician's office or a clinic shall be included. Excludes patients referred to a home health service.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged to a home environment (e.g., half-way house, group home, community care facility, foster care, woman's shelter). This category includes patients who go home either directly from the hospital, or after being treated at a licensed ambulatory surgery facility, or after receiving outpatient services at your or another hospital. This category also includes patients who are homeless; it is used to indicate discharge to a location not licensed as a hospital by the Department of Health Services.

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(b) Acute Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to inpatient hospital care that is of a medical/surgical nature, such as to a perinatal, pediatric, intensive care, coronary care, respiratory care, newborn intensive care, or burn unit within this reporting hospital.

DISCUSSION

See Examples 1, 2, and 3, at the end of this subsection.

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a TOC 3, 4, 5, or 6 bed to a TOC 1 bed.

(c) Other Type of Hospital Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to inpatient hospital care not of a medical/surgical nature and not skilled nursing/intermediate care, such as to a psychiatric, physical medicine rehabilitation, or chemical dependency recovery treatment unit within this reporting hospital.

DISCUSSION

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a:

- TOC 1 bed to a TOC 4, 5, or 6 bed.
- TOC 3 bed to a TOC 4, 5, or 6 bed.
- TOC 4 bed to a TOC 5 or 6 bed.
- TOC 5 bed to a TOC 4 or 6 bed.
- TOC 6 bed to a TOC 4 or 5 bed.

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(d) Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Within This Hospital. A patient discharged to a Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Distinct Part within this reporting hospital.

Consolidated Hospital Submitting One Discharge Data Report:

Includes patients discharged from a:

- TOC 1 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 4 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 5 bed to a TOC 3 bed.
- TOC 6 bed to a TOC 3 bed.

This category includes patients discharged to:

- A skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- A skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- An acute care bed that is used to provide skilled nursing care in an approved swing bed program.
- An Institution for Mental Disease (IMD). See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

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(e) Acute Care at Another Hospital. A patient discharged to another hospital to receive inpatient care that is of a medical/surgical nature, such as to a perinatal, pediatric, intensive care, coronary care, respiratory care, newborn intensive care, or burn unit of another hospital.

See Example 4, at the end of this subsection.

This category includes patients discharged:

- Between a consolidated hospital that has elected to submit two or more discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To an acute care bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.
- To an acute care bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To an acute care bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

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(f) Other Type of Hospital Care at Another Hospital. A patient discharged to another hospital to receive inpatient hospital care not of a medical/surgical nature and not skilled nursing/intermediate care, such as to a psychiatric, physical medicine rehabilitation, or chemical dependency recovery treatment unit of another hospital.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged:

- Between a consolidated hospital that has elected to submit two discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To an acute care bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.

(g) Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Elsewhere. A patient discharged from this hospital to a Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care type of care, either freestanding or a distinct part within another hospital, or to a Congregate Living Health Facility, as defined by Subsection (i) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged:

- Between a consolidated hospital that has elected to submit two or more discharge data reports to OSHPD.
- To a skilled nursing bed at an out of state, federal, or foreign hospital. Federal hospitals may include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, or Public Health Service hospitals.
- To a skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Subacute Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To a skilled nursing bed for the Medi-Cal Transitional Care Program. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.
- To an acute care bed that is being used to provide skilled nursing care in an approved swing bed program.
- To an IMD. See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

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(h) Residential Care Facility. A patient discharged to a facility that provides special assistance to its residents in activities of daily living, but that provides no organized healthcare.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged to:

- Various types of facilities that provide supportive and custodial care. The facilities are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and are not considered to be health facilities. The facilities are referred to by a variety of terms (e.g., board and care, residential care facilities for the elderly).
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRC). See Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations (Appendix A) for definition.

(i) Prison/Jail. A patient discharged to a correctional institution.

DISCUSSION

This category includes patients discharged to juvenile hall.

(j) Against Medical Advice. Patient left the hospital against medical advice, without a physician's discharge order. Psychiatric patients discharged from away without leave (AWOL) status are included in this category.

(k) Died. All episodes of inpatient care that terminated in death. Patient expired after admission and before leaving the hospital.

(l) Home Health Service. A patient referred to a licensed home health service program.

(m) Other. A patient discharged to some place other than mentioned above. Includes patients discharged to a freestanding, not hospital-based, inpatient hospice facility.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Skilled Nursing Bed Hold Days: Skilled nursing **bed hold days are not reported** to OSHPD. A patient cannot be reported in two Types of Care at the same time.

Mode of Transportation: The mode of transporting a patient from one health facility to another is irrelevant to the patient's disposition.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT,
ACUTE CARE, WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

EXAMPLE 1

1. Lucy is discharged from skilled nursing care at your hospital to acute care at your hospital.

Q. How is Lucy's Disposition reported on the skilled nursing record?

- A. Lucy was discharged to "Acute Care, Within Your Hospital" which would be "02", which is reported as shown below.

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT,
ACUTE CARE, WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

EXAMPLE 2

For a **CONSOLIDATED HOSPITAL** that submits discharge data on **ONE REPORT** with one Hospital Identification Number:

2. Alberto is discharged from skilled nursing care at your hospital to acute care at your hospital.

Q. How is Alberto's disposition reported on the skilled nursing record?

A. Alberto was discharged to "Acute Care, Within Your Hospital" *because your data is submitted on one report*; this should be reported by using "02" as shown below

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT,
ACUTE CARE, WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

EXAMPLE 3

3. Riley is discharged from psychiatric care at your hospital to acute care at your hospital.

Q. What is the Disposition of the Patient on the psychiatric care record?

A. The patient was discharged to “Acute Care” within your hospital; this should be reported by using “02” as shown below.

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EXAMPLE 4

For a **CONSOLIDATED HOSPITAL** that submits discharge data on **TWO OR MORE REPORTS** with separate HINs:

4. A patient is discharged from skilled nursing care at one of your hospital's consolidated sites to acute care at another of your consolidated sites.

Q. What is the Disposition Of Patient of the skilled nursing record? (*Hint: Where was the patient discharged to?*)

- A. The patient was discharged to "To Another Hospital, Acute Care" *because your data is submitted on two or more reports*; this should be reported by using "05" as shown below.

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06 Other Care (Not SN/IC)				

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**EXAMPLES OF DISPOSITION OF PATIENT,
SKILLED NURSING / INTERMEDIATE CARE WITHIN THIS HOSPITAL**

EXAMPLE 5

5. Jenna is discharged from acute care at your hospital to skilled nursing care at your hospital.

Q. What is the Disposition of the Patient for the acute care record?

- A. Jenna was discharged to “To SN/IC, Within This Hospital”; this should be reported by using “04” as shown below.

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